

VEHICLE AND VESSEL REGISTRATION HANDBOOK



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NOTICE TO VEHICLE AND VESSEL OWNERS

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) recognizes the continuing need for ready reference material on the current laws relating to the registration of vehicles and vessels. The department publishes this handbook to serve this need with the motoring public.

We hope this summary of statutes and regulations will be useful to you in the titling and registration of vehicles and vessels.

This handbook condenses or paraphrases the actual language of the California Vehicle Code (CVC) and related codes as they pertain to vehicles and vessels. State and local government including the courts are governed by the full and exact language of the law. You may buy a *Vehicle Code* Book for \$3 at any DMV office.

APPOINTMENTS

All Department of Motor Vehicles offices offer services by appointment. Please call your local office for an appointment or for forms you may need.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF PERSONAL INFOR-MATION IN DMV RECORDS

Many precautions are taken to protect the confidentiality of the personal information you provide to the DMV.

Residence addresses in records maintained by the DMV are confidential. Information is not disclosed to any person or organization except as specifically authorized by law (CVC Section 1808.21 through 1808.23) or other applicable statutes.

Mailing addresses are deemed less confidential and may be released to persons or organizations other than those mentioned in the above CVC sections. The individual or organization must be willing to identify themselves and present a valid reason for needing data.

The unauthorized disclosure or use of information from any DMV record is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$5,000 and/or one year imprisonment.

Evidence of Financial Responsibility

CVC Section 16020 requires that every owner of a motor vehicle maintain an acceptable form of financial responsibility. The most common form of financial responsibility is liability insurance.

Other acceptable forms of financial responsibility are described in CVC Section 16020(b). Additional information may be found in the *California Driver Handbook*.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Evidence of Vehicle Registration

Every vehicle required to be registered in this state must display California license plates or some other official device in place of license plates. The registration card, or facsimile thereof, must be carried with the vehicle for which it is issued and presented to a peace officer on request. It is a misdemeanor to display upon a vehicle, or to present to any peace officer, a registration card, identification card, temporary receipt, license plates, or permit not issued for such vehicle.

Year-round Registration

All vehicles registered for the first time in California are assigned an expiration date one year from the date fees became due.

Renewal of Vehicle Registration

Renewal notices for all currently registered vehicles are mailed approximately 90 days before the expiration of the current registration. Renew your registration by mail using the return envelope provided. Renewal by mail will save you and the department time and money. Renewed registration card and validation stickers are returned by mail approximately 14 days following receipt. If you do not receive a billing notice, it is your responsibility to renew the registration on or before expiration date. You may renew your vehicle registration up to 60 days before the current registration expires. If you pay by check, you should be aware that a dishonored check invalidates the registration card and sticker issued. An assessment of a service fee in addition to any other fees or penalties due will be charged. Nonpayment of these fees may result in seizure and sale of your vehicle.

Important Reminder About Late Penalties

According to the CVC, current registration is required when a vehicle is driven, moved, or left standing upon a street or highway, or in an off-street public parking facility. Registration renewal fees become delinquent if not paid on or before the expiration date. **There is no grace period**. If you are unable to complete your registration renewal by the expiration date, a deposit of full registration fees should be made before the expiration date. The deposit will prevent assessment of the late

renewal penalty. However, until registration is completed, the vehicle is not registered and the department cannot issue registration certificates, plates, or stickers. If you operate an unregistered vehicle, please consider the following.

- You may receive a citation that requires a court appearance. If convicted, a fine of \$50 to \$250 is mandatory in addition to paying registration fees and penalties to the department.
- A vehicle on the street or a public parking facility with registration that has been expired for over one year may be impounded by law enforcement. Towing and storage charges are billed to the owner and release of the vehicle requires proof that the registration fees have been paid.
- The following late penalties are due (in addition to regular fees due) when a vehicle is operated with expired registration or if non-operational status* is not on file with the department.

** First year:

- One to ten days late, 10% of the fees due for that year,
- eleven to thirty days late, 20% of the fees due for that year,
- thirty one days to one year late, 60% of the fees due for that year.

Second year:

• More than one year but less than two, 80% of the fees overdue.

Third year:

- Two years or more, 160% of the fees overdue.
- Any unpaid vehicle registration fees or taxes due the state establish a lien on the vehicle. Unpaid registration fees and penalties are due regardless of ownership. A vehicle on which a lien is evident is subject to seizure and sale by the department to satisfy that lien following due process of law.

Seat Belts

The use of safety belts is required by law. Injuries from motor vehicle accidents are the number one cause of death for young people, and the third largest cause of all deaths in America. While lap belts alone reduce injuries in a collision, a lap belt in combination with a shoulder harness may provide even greater benefits. Failure to install and use shoulder harnesses in combination with lap belts can result in serious or fatal injuries to the head, spinal column, and abdominal organs. Shoulder harnesses may be fitted to most vehicles, even if they were not factory installed. For more information, call the Auto Safety Hotline 1-800-424-9393.

Parking Violations

^{*} See page 4 for information on Planned Non-Operation.

^{**} To lessen the burden on vehicle owners who are inadvertently a few days late renewing their vehicle registration, Legislation changed the late penalty fee schedule on registration renewals delinquent one year or less.

Whenever the department receives notice that a parking violation has not been paid to the appropriate parking authority, the vehicle will not be registered until the parking violation has been resolved or paid. Fines for unpaid parking violations are payable to the court. They may be paid at a DMV field office or by mail when billed on a registration renewal reminder.

Planned Non-Operation

If a vehicle is not going to be registered, because it will not be operated or parked on a street or highway, the owner is required to file a certificate of planned non-operation before the registration expires. Complete the non-operation portion of the billing notice and mail it with the \$10 filing fee before the registration expiration date. If you do not receive a billing notice, it is your responsibility to renew the registration or declare your intention to not operate the vehicle using a Planned Non-Operation certificate (REG 102) available from your local DMV office. The vehicle is eligible for PNO status through 90 days after the vehicle's registration expiration date, although penalties will be assessed. After 90 days, or if the vehicle has been operated, PNO eligibility is lost and full fees and penalties become due. An acknowledgment of the non-operational status of your vehicle will be sent to you. Payment of renewal fees is required prior to operation of a vehicle except when accompanied by an application for transfer, in which case, fees may be paid within 20 days

of first operation without penalties.

NOTE: The 20-day "grace period" on renewal fees granted on transfers applies only if the vehicle has a current year registration or PNO status on file at the time the vehicle is purchased by the new owner.

Nonresident Military Exemption

Nonresident military personnel are permitted to operate their vehicles in California with their valid home state license plates or the plates issued from their last duty station until they expire. They may renew their vehicle registration in their home state before the end of the registration period or register the vehicle in California.

Nonresident members of the U. S. Armed Forces who register their vehicles in California are exempt from that portion of the regular licensing fees collected as a property tax. In California, this tax is the "Vehicle License Fee." To qualify for this exemption, the nonresident member of the military service must be the owner or co-owner of the vehicle and their duty station must be in California, or the vehicle must be located in California. A Certificate of Military Exemption (REG 344) must be completed by the military member to establish their entitlement to

this exemption. Nonresident military personnel are granted the same exemption with respect to a pickup truck, van, or other vehicle designed to transport property as they are for a passenger vehicle, provided the vehicle is not used in a trade or business.

BUYING AND SELLING VEHICLES

Vehicle Sales Between Individuals

When a vehicle is purchased from a private party, the seller(s) and lienholder(s) must sign the Certificate of Title releasing their interest in the vehicle. The new owner's true full name(s) and address(es) must appear in the space provided for the new registered owner(s) and the lienholder(s) if any, in the space provided for lienholder.

When you sell or transfer a vehicle, report it to DMV within 5 days on the DMV form Notice of Release of Liability (REG 138). Legislation requires that the department collect and validate the odometer mileage reading for most motor vehicles upon initial registration and registered owner transfer. The mileage is to be entered on the Certificate of Title in the section designated for the disclosure of odometer reading.

If the title you hold does not have this section or the section has

been completed by a prior seller and buyer, you must complete a separate Odometer Disclosure Statement (REG 236). This form must be signed by the seller and the buyer.

Page 31 shows a facsimile of the Certificate of Title (pink slip) which was issued in California through August 31, 1989.

Pages 32 and 33 show the larger (7" x 12") Certificate of Title, first issued on September 1, 1989.

Certificates issued before September 1, 1989, remain valid and need not be returned to the department for the new enlarged Certificate of Title.

The following information is required for all sales between individuals:

• The face of the Certificate of Title has a "registered owner" space and a "lienholder" space used for releasing ownership. The signature of all owners shown as Registered Owners must appear unless their names are joined by "OR." If the owners are joined by "OR," only one owner's signature is required to release ownership of the vehicle. If the names are joined by "AND," all owners signatures are required.

- If a lienholder is on the title, the lienholder must sign the title, releasing ownership interest in the vehicle.
- On the back of the title there are lines for the new registered owner and lienholder (if any) to enter their names and addresses.
- Do not complete the new lienholder information unless the vehicle is being financed or held as collateral for a loan. If there is no lienholder, the word "None" should be written in this space.

A Certificate of Compliance (smog certification) is usually due from the seller upon transfer of ownership. Please refer to page 26 for more information on smog certification requirements.

Mileage/Odometer

The transferor (seller) of a vehicle less than 16,000 pounds gross weight and less than ten model years old, is required to report the odometer reading on the Certificate of Title. However, if the seller has knowledge that the mileage displayed on the odometer is incorrect, the seller shall indicate on the appropriate department form the true mileage, if known, of the vehicle at the time of sale or transfer. If the vehicle is transferred through a dealer,

the seller shall furnish the information to that dealer. Registration, renewal or transfer must be refused if the applicant fails to furnish this information.

Reclassification of Vehicle Upon Transfer

The department is required to reclassify used vehicles sold or transferred to the current owner on or after August 1, 1991. The license fee charged is based on the sale price or vehicle value of the vehicle. Gifts are not exempt from the reclassification and are reclassified based on the current market value of the vehicle. A transfer between certain family members is exempt from reclassification of the vehicle value (refer to Use Tax on page 10).

Fees to be collected by the department are:

- Full renewal fees must accompany any transaction for registration submitted within 30 days of expiration of vehicle registration.
- Transfer fee of \$10 (for automobiles and motorcycles) is due within 30 days to avoid late penalties.
- Use tax, for the State Board of Equalization. Refer to page 10

for information on use tax.

CAUTION: If the vehicle is not currently registered, or a Certificate of Planned Non-Operation is not on file, all fees and penalties are due upon application for registration by the new owner (refer to page 4 for information regarding planned non-operation).

New Vehicle Purchased from a California-Licensed Dealer

When a new vehicle is purchased from a California dealer, it is the dealer's responsibility to collect sales tax for the State Board of Equalization. The dealer submits documents and fees for the registration and titling of vehicles to the Department of Motor Vehicles within

20 days of the transfer.

The dealer will collect the following fees:

- Registration Fee, \$27.
- California Highway Patrol Fee of \$2.
- Vehicle License Fee (in lieu of property tax), determined by market value (purchase price) of the vehicle.

- Motorcycle Service Fee, \$3 if applicable.
- Reflectorized License Plate Fee of \$1.
- Weight Fee (varies based on axles and unladen weight). If the
 vehicle is designed to transport property (i.e., truck, pickup,
 trailer, or van), weight fees are due regardless of how the
 vehicle is used.
- County related service fees (abandoned vehicle, auto theft, etc.).
- Air Quality Fee, if applicable.
- Fingerprint Fee, if applicable.
- Sales tax.

New Vehicle Purchased from an Out-of-State Dealer

State law prohibits a California resident from registration of a new vehicle purchased out-of-state with fewer than 7,500 odometer miles, which doesn't meet EPA and California emission standards, unless they qualify for exemptions under Health and Safety Code 43151(b) or 43151(c). New or used vehicles meeting EPA and California emission standards maybe registered regard-

less of the odometer mileage.

Nonresidents may register vehicles in California, provided they have been previously registered in their home state. Before bringing a new vehicle into California to be registered, please contact the Bureau of Automotive Repair for technical information and the DMV for registration and exemption information.

It is the responsibility of the purchaser, owner, or lessee bringing a new vehicle into California to apply for California registration and title. The application and fees are due **within 20 days** of the date the vehicle enters California to avoid registration penalties.

The documents needed to register and obtain title for a new vehicle in California are:

- Application for Registration (REG 343/31).
- Out-of-state title, Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin endorsed to the out-of-state dealer, and from that dealer to you.
 There are several alternatives to this requirement. Contact your local DMV office for assistance.
- Verification of Vehicle (REG 343/31) completed by a DMV representative, auto club, licensed vehicle verifier, or regularly employed peace officer. The physical inspection of the vehicle is to confirm that the titling documents describe the

actual vehicle.

- Weight Certificate (if the vehicle is designed to transport property, i.e., truck, pickup, van). Weight fees vary based on axles and unladen weight and are due regardless of how it is used.
- Smog Certification, if required.

The department will collect the following fees:

- Registration Fee of \$27.
- Reflectorized License Plate Fee of \$1.
- California Highway Patrol Fee of \$2.
- Upon original registration, Vehicle License Fee is determined by market value (purchase price) of the vehicle.
- Weight Fee (varies based on axles and unladen weight). If the
 vehicle is designed to transport property (i.e., truck, pickup,
 van), weight fees are due regardless of how the vehicle is used.
- A Registration Service Fee of \$10.

- Motorcycle Service Fee, \$3 if applicable.
- Air Quality Fee, if applicable, based on the registered owner's county of residence.
- Fingerprint Fee, if applicable.
- County related service fees (abandoned vehicle, auto theft, etc.) based on the registered owner's county of residence.
- Use Tax, if applicable (see NOTE).
- \$300 Vehicle Smog Impact Fee, if applicable (vehicles previously registered out-of-state, whose Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] emission labels do not indicate the vehicles meet California emission control standards, are assessed this fee).

NOTE: Credit is given for any sales or use tax paid to an out-of-state dealer. To determine credit due, you must complete an Application for Use Tax Credit (REG 346).

Used Vehicle Purchased from a California-Licensed Dealer

A "used" vehicle is a vehicle that has been previously registered in California or another state or country. When a used vehicle is purchased from a California dealer, it is the dealer's responsibility to collect sales tax for the State Board of Equalization and submit to the Department of Motor Vehicles (within 30 days of the transfer) documents and fees to register and title the vehicle. It is the dealer's responsibility to obtain a smog certification for the new buyer. The dealer will collect the following fees if the vehicle is not currently registered.

- Renewal fees.
- Weight Fee (will vary according to number of axles and unladen weight). If the vehicle is designed to transport property (i.e., truck, pickup, trailer, van), weight fees are due regardless of how the vehicle is used.
- A Registration Service Fee of \$10 for a vehicle previously registered in another state or country. An additional \$3 service fee is due on motorcycle registration applications.
- \$300 Nonresident Vehicle Smog Impact Fee, if applicable (vehicles previously registered out-of-state, whose Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] emission labels do not indicate the vehicles meet California emission control standards, are assessed this fee).

- County related service fees (abandoned vehicle, auto theft, etc.).
- · Air Quality Fee, if applicable.
- Transfer Fee, \$10 (for automobiles and motorcycles).

Sales Tax

When either a new or a used vehicle is purchased from a California licensed dealer, that dealer collects sales tax based on the purchase price. The amount of sales tax computed on purchase price will be determined by the tax rate for the purchaser's residence county.

Use Tax

Use Tax is comparable to the sales tax collected by licensed dealers. The Department of Motor Vehicles collects the Use Tax for the State Board of Equalization. All vehicle (s) and/or vessel (s) transfers between individuals (non-dealer transactions) are subject to Use Tax with the exception of the following conditions:

· Transfer of ownership of a vehicle received as a gift or

inheritance.

- Removal of lienholder from the title.
- Sale of a motor vehicle between certain relatives—parent, grandparent, grandchild, spouse, or child of the purchaser.

The State Board of Equalization is required to audit these use tax transactions and may selectively request information and/or documentation from buyers and sellers to support the proper assessment of use tax. It is recommended that copies of documents involving such transfers be retained for four years in the event verification is requested. Please contact your local Board of Equalization office for additional information.

If you purchase a vehicle outside California and operate it here **within 90 days**, Use Tax is due. If delivery is arranged by a shipping agent, the date the vehicle was placed in the custody of the shipping agent is the date used to account for the 90 days. (Use tax credit is provided for sales or use tax paid in another state.)

Seller's Release of Liability When A Vehicle Is Sold

A Notice of Release of Liability must be reported within five days to the DMV upon sale or transfer of a vehicle. A Notice of Release of Liability (REG 138) is in the back of this handbook. You may

also obtain this form from your local DMV office.

Filing this form records your release of interest in the vehicle. It does not transfer ownership of the vehicle to the buyer. However, the new owner's name(s) will be shown on the vehicle record. Filing the notice with all information complete and legible releases you, as the former owner of the vehicle, from civil or criminal liability for the parking, abandoning, or operation of the vehicle. In case of a suit or complaint, the courts are responsible to release owner of liability.

NOTICE: The form must have all information completed to update the record. Incomplete forms cannot be recorded.

Lien Sales

A lien is acquired on a vehicle subject to registration by any person who makes repairs to it, performs labor on it, furnishes supplies and materials for it, stores it, or rents trailer space for it, provided the vehicle remains in the possession of that person and the lawful debt is not paid. If lienholders are not paid for their services, they may, upon approval of the Department of Motor Vehicles, sell the vehicle at public auction to satisfy their lien.

BRINGING A VEHICLE INTO CALIFORNIA

Vehicles Previously Registered in Another State

Nonresident vehicle owners (recent arrivals) must register their vehicles in California **within 20 days** of the date they accept gainful employment, or become a California resident. (See page 8, if the vehicle to be registered has fewer than 7,500 miles on the odometer.)

If a resident of California purchases a new or used vehicle in another state, fees become due the date the vehicle enters California. Fees must be paid **within 20 days** of that date to avoid a late penalty. (See page 8, if the vehicle to be registered has fewer than 7,500 miles on the odometer.)

To register a vehicle that was previously registered in a state other than California, you need the following documents:

- Application for Registration (REG 343/31).
- Verification of Vehicle (REG 343/31) completed by a DMV representative, licensed vehicle verifier, auto club, or regularly employed peace officer. The physical inspection of the vehicle is to confirm that the titling documents describe the actual vehicle.

- Vehicles are also verified for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) emission label to determine if the vehicle was manufactured to meet California emission control standards. If the EPA label is not present or is illegible, a \$300 Smog Impact Fee is due. Vehicles lacking a vehicle emission control label shall be presumed not to be California certified, unless confirmed to be by the manufacturer. Verification of this label is made by DMV, auto club, or a licensed vehicle verifier employed by a dealer.
- Last issued out-of-state registration card for the vehicle (not required if fees are paid on date of entry).
- Foreign state title (if vehicle is being transferred to another owner, it must be properly endorsed). The title must be surrendered before a California title can be issued.
- Certification of Compliance (smog certification).
- Valid foreign state license plates must be surrendered.
- Weight Certificate from a public weighmaster if the vehicle is designed for the transportation of property (trucks, pickups, vans, etc.) or is a vehicle for hire used for the transportation of persons, such as a taxi or limousine.

A Weight Certificate is not required for:

- 2-axle motor vehicles weighing 14,001 or more lbs. (Classes P–X.) (Estimated weight required.)
- 3-axle motor vehicles or any trailer weighing 15,001 or more lbs. (Estimated weight required.)
- Trailers clearly under 1,500 lbs. (estimated weight is required).
- Vehicles if the out-of-state registration or title indicates the unladen or empty weight for a commercial vehicle is less than 6,001 lbs.

Fees are:

- \$300 Vehicle Smog Impact Fee (applicable to vehicles previously registered out-of-state, whose Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] emission labels do not indicate the vehicles meet California emission control standards).
- Registration Fee of \$27.
- California Highway Patrol Fee of \$2.
- Reflectorized License Plate Fee of \$1.
- Vehicle License Fee determined by market value (purchase

price) of the vehicle.

- Weight Fee (fee will vary according to number of axles and unladen weight). If the vehicle is designed to transport property (i.e., truck, pickup, van), weight fees are due regardless of how the vehicle is used.
- Use Tax (if vehicle was purchased and brought into California within 90 days from date of purchase or is being transferred from one owner to another).
- Service Fee of \$3 for motorcycles.
- Registration Service Fee (Non-Resident Vehicle) of \$10.
- County related service fees (abandoned vehicle, auto theft, etc.).
- · Air Quality Fee, if applicable.
- Fingerprint Fee, if applicable.

Vehicles Imported from Foreign Countries

New and used vehicles manufactured after 1974 imported from

foreign countries that were not manufactured to U.S. standards require certification by an authorized California Air Resources Board facility. Registration of these vehicles require substantially different documentation than vehicles manufactured to U.S. standards. Before importing a foreign manufactured vehicle, you are encouraged to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles, Foreign Vehicles Unit at (916) 657-6272, for registration requirements.

Technical assistance about import regulations may be obtained from the nearest U.S. Customs Office. Information on emission standards may be obtained from:

Air Resources Board Vehicle Emission Control 9528 Telstar Avenue El Monte, CA 91731

Telephone: (818) 575-6858 (For calls outside California) Toll Free: (800) 242-4450 (California residents only)

VESSEL REGISTRATION

As a rule, every sail-powered vessel over eight feet in length and every motor driven vessel not registered (documented) by the U.S. Coast Guard that is using the waters or on the waters of this

state is subject to registration by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The term "vessel" applies to every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, except the following:

- A seaplane on the water.
- A watercraft specifically designed to operate on a permanently fixed course and guided by a mechanical device that restricts the watercraft's movement to the fixed course.
- A floating structure that is designed and built to be used as a
 stationary waterborne residential dwelling, which, (a) does
 not have and is not designed to have a mode of power of its
 own, (b) is dependent for utilities upon a continuous utility
 linkage to a source originating on shore, and (c) has a permanent, continuous hookup to a shoreside sewage system.

The following undocumented vessels do not have to be registered (numbered) in California:

- Vessels propelled solely by oars or paddles.
- Sailboats without motors that are eight feet or less in length.

- Non-motorized surfboards propelled by a sail and with a mast that must be held upright by the operator.
- A ship's lifeboat (a dinghy is not a lifeboat).
- Vessels currently and lawfully numbered by another state that are principally used outside California.
- Vessels brought into California for racing purposes only (exempted only during races and tune-ups).

Registration and Titling Requirements

Vessels may be registered at any office of the Department of Motor Vehicles or by mail to Vessel Section, Mail Station E272, P.O. Box 825341, Sacramento, CA 94232-5341. Vessels may also be registered at the business location of a Vessel Registration Agent.

NOTE: Vessels must be principally used in California to be registered in California. Vessels registered in California must also be titled by California. Neither the Certificate of Ownership nor the Certificate of Number shall be construed to mean that the department warrants or guarantees the title of the vessel as it appears on the certificates. The documents required for the original registration and titling of a vessel in California are:

- An Application for Vessel Certificate of Number (Boat 101).
- A bill of sale or other evidence of proof of ownership.

The fee for an original vessel registration and titling is \$9. For an original nonresident registration and titling, the fee is \$37.

Validity of Certificate of Number

The original Certificate of Number is valid from the date of issue through December 31 in the year issued and renewals are valid for the calendar year issued. Effective December 31, 1997, vessel Certificates of Number are valid through December 31 on every odd numbered year, beginning with the renewal of Certificate of Number expiring on December 31, 1997. The biennial renewal fee is \$10.

A Certificate of Number will become invalid when:

- The vessel is documented or required to be documented under Part 67 of Title 46, Code of Federal Regulations.
- The owner of the vessel transfers ownership of the vessel.
- The vessel is destroyed or abandoned.

• The vessel is no longer used primarily in California.

Display of Registration Number on Vessel

The registration number issued by the department shall be displayed on the vessel as indicated below. It shall:

- Be painted on or permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel.
- Be in plain vertical block characters of not less than three inches in height.
- Contrast with the color of the background and be distinctly visible and legible.
- Be arranged so that it may be read from left to right.
- Have spaces or hyphens that are equal to the width of a letter other than "I" or a number other than "1" between the prefix and the number, and the number and the suffix. See the example below.

Example: CF 1234 AB

NOTE: The actual characters to be attached to the vessel are not

available from the department. They must be purchased elsewhere.

Hull Identification Number

A hull identification number (HIN) must be displayed on all vessels registered in California. The HIN must be:

- Permanently affixed to the vessel in such a way that its alteration, removal, or replacement would be obvious.
- Assigned by manufacturers to commercially built vessels.
- Assigned by the Department of Motor Vehicles to homemade vessels.

Display of Registration Sticker

In addition to the registration number, the department issues registration stickers to identify a vessel as currently registered. These stickers shall be securely affixed to each side of the vessel three inches aft of and directly in line with the registration numbers and shall be so maintained as to be clearly visible at all times. No other numerals, letters, or devices may be placed in the proximity of the state registration number.

Renewal Certificate of Number

Renewal notices are mailed approximately 90 days before the expiration of the current registration. **Renew your registration** by mail using the return envelope provided. Renewal by mail will save you and the department time and money. The renewed Certificate of Number is returned by mail approximately 14 days following receipt. If you do not receive a renewal billing notice by mid-December, it may not arrive before the December 31 expiration of your vessel's registration. You may renew without the billing notice by:

 Mailing your prior year Certificate of Number and renewal fee to the DMV address on the certificate

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• Presenting the prior year Certificate of Number to the nearest DMV office and paying the renewal fee.

Vessels must be renewed biennially regardless of use. The fee for Certificate of Number renewal is \$10. The fee must be paid on or before December 31 of odd-numbered years to avoid a penalty of \$5.

The department will withhold the renewal of the Certificate of Number of a vessel if the county tax collector has notified the department that taxes are delinquent on the vessel. A dishonored check will cause assessment of a service fee in addition to any other penalties due and may result in seizure and sale of your vessel.

Duplicate Certificates or Stickers

Complete an Application for Duplicate Certificate of Ownership (REG 227) or Application for Substitute Sticker (REG 156) to replace lost certificates or sticker. The fee for each duplicate certificate or substitute sticker is \$15.

Notification to Department

A vessel owner is required to notify the department:

- Immediately when either the owner's address is changed or the location of the vessel is changed. The new address or vessel location may be reported either by letter or on Change of Address form (DMV 14).
- Within 15 days of the destruction or abandonment of a vessel.
 The owner must also surrender the Certificates of Number and title to the department.

The department reports the initial registration, changes in an

owner's address, changes in the location of a vessel, and destruction or abandonment of a vessel to county assessors.

Buying or Selling a Vessel

If the vessel already has a California registration number, the purchaser will need the Certificate of Ownership signed by the previous owner in the space provided on the face of the certificate. Next, the purchaser must sign as the new owner and, with the required fees, present it to an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles. If the vessel is purchased from a dealer who is a vessel registration agent, application may be made at the agent's place of business. Vessel purchases are subject to Sales Tax when bought from a California licensed dealer. Purchases involving private party transactions (individuals) are subject to Use Tax as detailed on page 10 of this handbook.

The seller must notify this department within 5 days after the sale, giving the CF number (vessel registration number), the name and address of the new owner, and the date of sale. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from any DMV office.

MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Camp Trailer and Trailer Coach Registration

A "camp trailer" is designed to be used on the highway, capable of being used for camping or recreational purposes. It does not exceed 16 feet in overall length from the foremost point of the trailer hitch to the rear extremity of the trailer body and does not exceed 8 feet in width. Any tent trailer is considered a camp trailer. All camp trailers must be currently registered to be towed on the roads and highways.

A "trailer coach" is a vehicle designed for human habitation or human occupancy for industrial, professional or commercial purposes, which is drawn by a motor vehicle. It is between 16 and 40 feet in length and not more than $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet. Trailer coaches must be registered at all times, regardless of whether they are operated on the highway or inhabited.

A "mobilehome" is a structure as defined in Section 18008 of the Health and Safety Code. As defined in the Vehicle Code, a mobilehome is a trailer coach that is more than $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet in width or more than 40 feet in length. Registration and titling of mobile homes is the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Community Development. All inquiries concerning mobilehomes should be directed to:

Department of Housing and Community Development P.O. BOX 2111

SACRAMENTO, CA 95810-2111 Phone: TOLL FREE 800-952-8356

Off-Highway Vehicles

"Off-highway vehicles" are vehicles such as racing motorcycles, trail bikes, mini bikes, dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles and jeeps. Also, snowmobiles which are operated exclusively off public roads and highways. If a vehicle is operated in this manner and it is not registered for regular highway use and is not otherwise exempt from registration, it must be registered as an off-highway vehicle (OHV).

OHV statutes require the Department of Motor Vehicles to collect OHV licensing fees and maintain registration records. The Department of Parks and Recreation, with the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission and in conjunction with the cities and counties, acquires and develops land areas for OHV use and administers the licensing revenues for this purpose.

It is not necessary to register a vehicle for both on-highway and off-highway use. Valid on-highway registration allows the vehicle to be operated on and off the highway. Vehicles registered for on-highway use only may be subject to a "use fee" if operated in OHV parks.

Three types of OHV operation devices are issued. They are:

- 1. OHV Identification Plate—Issued to all vehicles used exclusively on public lands. The "plate" is a numbered reflectorized sticker, green and silver in color, to be mounted on the vehicle in a clear visible location. Fee: \$20. (For placement of plate, see Fast Facts FFVR 16.)
- 2. Special Permit for Off-Highway Vehicles—Special Permits are issued to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or their agents. Permits are issued to display, deliver, or demonstrate off-highway vehicles. The permit is a plate the same color as the OHV plate. Fee: \$20.
- 3. Motorcycle Transportation Permit—Issued to motorcycles whose owners certify that the motorcycle is used solely in organized racing or competitive events. The permit allows transportation of the vehicle to and from closed course events. The permit is a numbered sticker, red and white in color, reflectorized, and should be mounted on the vehicle in a clearly visible location. This permit remains valid until the vehicle is sold or dismantled. Fee: \$3.

OHV registration is valid for two-years or portion thereof, expiring on June 30 of the second year after the fee originally became due. The fee is distributed four ways: \$7 to DMV for administrative costs, including identification plate; \$1 to the California Highway Patrol to fund field personnel; \$8 to the Department of Parks and Recreation to plan, acquire, develop, and maintain areas for OHV use; and \$4 to the cities and counties

in place of a personal property tax on the vehicle to fund local control and activities for OHV areas.

The requirements for original registration of OHV vehicles purchased from someone other than a licensed California dealer are:

- Application for Registration (REG 343/31) completed and signed.
- Verification of Vehicle (REG 343/31) completed by a DMV representative, licensed vehicle verifier, or a regularly employed peace officer.
- Evidence of ownership such as bill of sale, out-of-state title, or Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin.
- · Surrender of on-highway license plates.
- \$20 registration fee (OHVs are subject to Planned Non-Operation requirements. See page 4 for information).
- Use Tax.

NOTE: Sales tax is due on off-highway vehicles purchased from dealers.

To change a California registered vehicle from on-highway use

to OHV the requirements are:

- California Certificate of Title or, if lost, Application for Duplicate Title (REG 227) properly endorsed.
- \$21 registration fee.

To transfer a California registered OHV to a new owner, the following items are required:

- California OHV Certificate of Title, or if lost, an Application for Duplicate Title (REG 227) properly endorsed for transfer.
- \$10 transfer fee (for automobiles and motorcycles). If transfer of OHV registration is between June 1 and June 30 of the year of expiration, the \$20 renewal fee is due.
- · Use Tax.

You must apply for duplicate certificates or substitute stickers if the OHV Certificate of Title, registration card, and/or validation sticker is lost, stolen, mutilated, or illegible. The fee for each duplicate or substitute is \$3.

Prior to the expiration of the OHV registration, renewal notices are sent out to the registered owners. This notice informs you of the renewal fee (\$20) and the date this fee is due (June 30) to avoid

penalties. The OHV penalty fee is 50% of \$20 (\$10). Upon return of the renewal notice and fee to Sacramento or a local DMV office, a new registration card and validation sticker will be issued to you.

Registration of a specially constructed OHV requires the following:

- Application for Registration (REG 343/31).
- Statement of Construction (REG 297).
- Bills of sale for the component parts such as frame, engine, body, and transmission.
- Vehicle identification number—all specially constructed vehicles must be referred to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) for verification of the identification number. If the vehicle does not have an identification number, the CHP will assign one.
- \$20 registration fee.

If you move or otherwise change your address, you must report your new address to the DMV within 10 days either by letter or on a Change of Address (DMV 14). Refer to instructions on page 28. (DMV 14 forms and other forms are available from any

Department of Motor Vehicles office.)

Tread Lightly

The Forest Service offers a program that is designed to teach young users of off-highway vehicles safe and responsible use of their specialty vehicles. Please contact your local Forest Service office or private organizations connected with off-highway vehicles for information regarding the program.

SERVICES FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Disabled Person Plates and Placards

To qualify for special license plates and/or placard that allow special parking privileges, a person must:

- have lost or lost the use of, one or more lower extremities or both hands or
- have significant limitation in the use of lower extremities or
- be unable to move about without the aid of an assistant device or

- suffer from lung disease or cardiovascular disease or have a diagnosed disease or disorder which substantially impairs or interferes with mobility or
- be blind or
- use his or her vehicle 51% or more of the time to transport a person who qualifies under any of the above categories.

For additional information on the above categories, see Sections 295.5 and 22511.5 of the CVC.

The placard may be used in lieu of the special plates and must be displayed. Hang the placard on the rearview mirror or, if there is no rearview mirror, place the placard on the dashboard of any vehicle driven by a disabled person, or which is used to transport disabled persons.

The license plate or placard shall, upon the death of the disabled person be returned to the DMV within 60 days or upon the expiration of the vehicle registration, whichever occurs first.

There is a \$6 service fee for the placard. Placards must be renewed every two years, for which there is a \$6 fee. There is no service fee for the special license plate.

NOTE: A certification of disability from a physician or surgeon is usually required. A licensed chiropractor may certify to loss of

mobility. Blindness may be certified by a licensed optometrist.

Disabled Veteran License Plates

Qualified disabled veterans are eligible for fee exempt special license plates on one vehicle owned by the veteran. The plates also afford special parking privileges for the disabled. The veteran's disability must be a result of injury or disease suffered while on active service with the armed forces of the United States, and the veteran:

- has been rated at 100% disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs or the military service from which the veteran was discharged and the disability substantially impairs or interferes with mobility or
- is so severely disabled as to be unable to move without the aid of an assistant device or
- · has lost the use of one or more limbs or
- has suffered permanent blindness

to qualify for disabled veteran license plates. Confirmation of the qualifying disability must be obtained from the Veterans Admin-

istration.

A qualified veteran may also obtain a disabled person parking placard upon payment of the \$6 service fee due for the original application and biennial renewal.

Disabled veterans who are also recipients of the Purple Heart may choose to display Purple Heart license plates on one vehicle without payment of registration or vehicle license fees.

Temporary Parking Placard

Any disabled person or disabled veteran who is not a resident of California, but who plans to travel within the state, may apply for a temporary travel placard which is valid for up to 90 days from date of issuance.

Any disabled person or disabled veteran who is a resident of California, and has been issued either a parking placard or special disabled person or disabled veteran identification plate, may apply for a temporary placard for travel purposes which is valid for up to 30 days from the date of issuance.

SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

Legislation has authorized the issuance of special interest license plates to certain organizations which obtain the required number of applications. These plates have a special graphic design depicting an image relative to the organization's interest.

These special interest plates will allow Personalized plate configurations from 3–7 positions, depending on availability. Existing personalized configurations are also eligible to covert to these graphic plates for an additional fee.

Contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles for information regarding the special interest plates that are available.

Environmental License Plates (Personalized Plates)

Environmental License Plates, commonly referred to as personalized plates, may be attached to an automobile, motorhome, motorcycle, truck, or trailer. The plates are available in a combination of not fewer than two nor more than seven letters, or letters and numbers.

The department will refuse any request where the combination of letters or letters and numbers may be considered: offensive to good taste and decency, would be misleading, would be in conflict with any license plate series now issued, or has already been assigned to another party.

The registered owner or lessee of a vehicle may apply for environmental plates. Plates can also be purchased as a gift. The plates must be assigned to a currently registered vehicle within 120 days of reservation notification to the owner.

An original set of environmental plates cost \$40. An annual \$25 renewal fee must be paid, in addition to the regular renewal fees to retain your priority to the plates. The cost to transfer is \$20.

Special Equipment Identification Plates

Certain types of vehicles may be operated on the highways with special equipment identification plates. Special equipment identification plates may be issued to vehicles such as special construction equipment, cemetery equipment, logging vehicles, special mobile equipment, and farm equipment.

"Tow Dollies" are also eligible for special equipment identification plates. A "Tow Dolly" is a vehicle towed by a motor vehicle, designed and used exclusively to transport another vehicle upon which the front or rear wheels of the towed vehicle are mounted, while the other wheels remain in contact with the road. A "Tow Dolly" does not include a portable or collapsible (nor auxiliary) dolly as used by tow cars or vehicle dismantlers to tow disabled

vehicles upon a highway.

Vehicles qualifying for the special equipment identification plates are subject to a \$7 service fee. A photograph of the equipment is required. The identification must be renewed every five years for \$3. When ownership of a special equipment-plated vehicle is transferred, the new owner must submit a new application and \$7 fee. The plate will remain with the equipment.

Other Special License Plates Issued in California

Plates with the number preceded by an enclosed letter E are issued to vehicles owned or leased by a government agency. State-owned or leased vehicles use the diamond-enclosed (E) and other government agencies use the octagon-enclosed (E). Other license plates of particular interest are designated for members of the Legislature and Congress; licensed dealers, manufacturers, distributors and dismantlers; interstate trucks and trailers.

Mandatory Reflectorized License Plates

Vehicle Code Section 4850 requires the issuance of reflectorized license plates to motor vehicles other than motorcycles. In

addition to all other appropriate fees, a mandatory \$1 fee is due.

REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES, LICENSE PLATES, AND STICKERS

If your registration card is lost, stolen, mutilated, or illegible, apply for a duplicate by:

- Completing an Application for Plates, Stickers, Documents (REG 156).
- Pay the duplicate fee of \$7.

If your Certificate of Title is lost, stolen, mutilated, or illegible, apply for a duplicate by:

- Completing an Application for Duplicate Title (REG 227). If
 the title is lost after receiving it from the lienholder, submit a
 lien satisfied from the lienholder or obtain the lienholder's
 signature on line #2 of the application for duplicate title.
 Lienholder's signature on REG 227 must be notarized.
- Submitting the mutilated or illegible document.
- Paying a fee of \$7.

If the lienholder's name is also being deleted or changed, a \$9 transfer fee is due.

NOTE: On duplicate titles, the word "Duplicate" appears below Certificate of Title.

If one or both of your license plates have been lost, you must apply for new license plates as follows:

- If you still have one plate, surrender it to the Department of Motor Vehicles. A new set of license plates will be issued.
- Application for Substitute Plates (REG 156) completed.
- Pay replacement fee of \$7.

For information and fees on replacement of special plates, see the pamphlet How to Obtain Duplicate or Substitute License Plates (HTVR 11) and the Special Interest License Plates Application (REG 17).

In the event that only the yearly validation sticker becomes lost, stolen, mutilated, or illegible, the following items are necessary:

- Application for Substitute Sticker (REG 156) completed.
- Fee of \$7.

In most cases, a new sticker and the registration card will be issued to you by the DMV office. In the event only the month sticker becomes lost, stolen, or mutilated, bring in your registration card and a duplicate will be supplied at no fee.

SMOG

California law requires the inspection and certification of most vehicle emission control (smog) systems. The certification for smog inspection is due upon initial registration in California, and with certain exceptions, upon transfer of ownership. Vehicles registered in Biennial Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (BMVIP) areas must also be inspected every other year upon renewal of registration.

A licensed smog check inspection station will perform the inspection of your vehicle and issue a certification, if the vehicle complies with the pollution control laws for your area. The certification is required as part of the registration application.

Statewide, all 1966 and newer vehicles require a smog certification for biennial renewal, title transfer, or original registration applications. The biennial renewal requirement is determined by the residence of the vehicle owner. The following describes the requirements for inspection and certification.

Smog Requirements for Initial Registration and Transfer of Ownership

Gasoline powered vehicles 1966 and older, are exempt from smog requirements. If a valid biennial smog certification was submitted to the department for registration renewal within 60 days of the vehicle transfer date, a smog certification is not required for transfer applications.

Smog Requirements for Biennial Renewal of Registration

The following counties are part of the Biennial Motor Vehicle Inspection Program (BMVIP). The biennial renewal inspection may not be required in the counties marked with an asterisk (*) since only certain areas in the county are included in the BMVIP district.

San Benito Alameda Butte San Bernardino* Colusa San Diego* El Dorado* San Francisco Fresno San Joaquin Glenn San Luis Obispo San Mateo Kern Kings Santa Barbara Los Angeles Santa Clara Santa Cruz Marin

Madera Shasta Marin Solano Merced Sonoma* Stanislaus Monterey Napa Sutter Nevada Tehama Orange Tulare Placer* Ventura Riverside* Yolo Sacramento Yuba

A biennial smog certification is due every other year with your application for renewal. A vehicle may be exempt from a smog certification if:

- It was manufactured prior to the 1966 model-year or
- · It is powered by diesel fuel or electricity or
- A smog certification was submitted upon the vehicle's initial registration or transfer within the 12 months prior to expiration date or

When the vehicle record is created on our data base, the biennial smog inspection date will be automatically generated by the system. The information given in this chapter is general. For more specific technical information you may contact:

Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau of Automotive Repair 10240 Systems Parkway Sacramento, CA 95827 Toll Free: (800) 952-5210 (Inside California only)

Air Resources Board Vehicle Emission Control 9528 Telstar Avenue El Monte, CA 91731 Telephone: 1-800-322-9277 (For calls outside of California)

Toll Free: (800) 242-4450 (California Residents Only)

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY ADDRESS?

When you move, you must give your new address to the DMV in **10 days**. It's the law. If we do not have your latest address, you may not receive your renewal notice or other departmental correspondence. You don't need to go in person to a DMV office to fill out a change of address form. Include the apartment number

or mobile home space number, if any. A **vehicle registration** change of address must be in writing and should include the license plate numbers of any vehicle you own. Mail your letter to: DMV, P.O. Box 825890, Sacramento, CA 94290-0001.

Type or write your new address in ink on a small piece of paper. Sign and date it. Carry this piece of paper with your license. Do not tape or staple the change of address information to your driver license. If you go in person to a DMV office, a technician will give you a Change of Address Certificate (DMV form DL 43) to complete. Carry this card with your license. There is no charge to change your address this way.

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A CALIFORNIA DRIVER LICENSE

Following is a checklist of items needed to obtain a California driver license. (For detailed requirements and a summary of the rules of the road, refer to the *California Driver Handbook* which is available at any office of the Department of Motor Vehicles.)

When you make your home here or take a job, you must get a California driver license within 10 days.

If you are a California resident and drive a motor vehicle on a public roadway or in a parking facility open to the public, you must have a California driver license. See the *California Driver Handbook* for exceptions. If you drive a commercial vehicle or a motorcycle, request the handbook for these vehicles also.

When you make an original application for a driver license, the following is required.

- Be at least 16 years old.
- Pay the required \$12 fee.
- · Provide your Social Security number.
- Present an acceptable birth verification document such as the original or a certified copy of your birth certificate.
- Pass these tests:
 - —Law test on the rules of the road,
 - -Eye test, and
 - —Driving test, if required. You will be asked to provide evidence of financial responsibility for your vehicle prior to taking the driving test.
- Minors, those persons under 18 years old, must also have their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) sign the application for a license.
 Any person who signs for a minor's driver license accepts liability up to \$35,000 for any one accident.

If you are under 18 years old and do not hold a valid license from

another state or country, you will also be required to:

- Prove that you have completed both an approved driver education course (classroom), and
- an approved driver training course (behind the wheel).
- Submit a parent's or other qualified adult's certification of consent on the back of your Instruction Permit.

After you have passed all the tests, your thumbprint and picture will be taken.

The Department of Motor Vehicles also issues **Identification Cards** to persons of any age, To obtain one, you must show a birth certificate or other acceptable document (original or a certified copy) which will prove your name, age, and birth date. The card is valid until the sixth birthday after it is issued. The fee for the identification card is \$6. If you are age 62 or over you may obtain an ID card marked SENIOR CITIZEN. The fee is \$3 and the card is valid for ten years.

NOTE: All fees quoted are subject to legislative change.

IF YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THIS PUBLICATION, PLEASE SEND THEM TO:

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

PUBLIC INQUIRY UNIT MS-C165 P.O. BOX 932345 Sacramento, CA. 94232-3450



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REG 138 (REV. 6/95)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You are required by law to immediately notify the DMV when you sell or otherwise dispose of a vehicle or vessel. This form is provided for use in reporting the sale or transfer to the Department and does not constitute application for transfer of ownership (title).

TO REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM DMV'S RECORDS, THE NEW BUYER MUST APPLY FOR TRANSFER USING THE ENDORSED CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP (TITLE) RECEIVED FROM YOU.

When the information contained in this form is recorded by DMV (see **WARNING** below), liability for parking and/or traffic violations and civil litigation resulting from operation after the date of sale becomes the responsibility of the subsequent purchaser(s).

FOR YOUR PROTECTION: make a photo copy of the completed form for your records. We strongly recommend that you check the buyer's identification if he/she is unknown to you (the seller).

WARNING: ANY INCOMPLETE, INACCURATE OR ILLEGIBLE INFORMATION WILL PREVENT THE RECORDING OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE NOTICE.

THIS FORM IS FOR REGISTERED OWNER TRANSFERS ONLY. DO NOT SUBMIT FOR LIENHOLDER (LEGAL OWNER) TRANSFERS.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

- (A) Print name(s) of buyer.
- (B) If buyer is a dealer, check box.
- (C) Print buyer's street address.
- (D) Enter odometer reading at the time of sale (vehicles only).
- (E) Print buyer's city, state, and ZIP code.
- (F) Enter date you sold or transferred the described vehicle or vessel.
- (G) Print your name or company name.
- (H) Print your street address.
- Enter selling price. If vehicle/vessel is a gift. show "0".
- (J) Print your city, state, and ZIPcode.
- (K) Sign your name where designated.
- (L) Enter vehicle identification of hull number.
- (M) Enter year model.
- (N) Enter make or builder.
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MAIL COMPLETED NOTICE TO: DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, P.O. BOX 942859, SACRAMENTO, CA 94259-0001.